

Communion Songs: (cont'd)

From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable

From the squalor of a borrowed stable,  
by the Spirit and a virgin’s faith,  
to the anguish and the shame of scandal,  
came the Saviour of the human race.  
But the skies were filled with the praise of heaven.  
shepherds listen as the angels tell  
of the gift of God come down to man,  
at the dawning of Immanuel.

King of heaven now the friend of sinners,  
humble servant in the Father’s hands,  
filled with power and the Holy Spirit,  
filled with mercy for the broken man.  
Yes, He walked my road and He felt my pain,  
joys and sorrows that I know so well;  
yet his righteous steps give me hope again.  
I will follow my Immanuel.

Through the kisses of a friend’s betrayal,  
He was lifted on a cruel cross.  
He was punished for a world’s transgressions;  
He was suffering to save the lost.  
He fights for breath, He fights for me,  
loosing sinners from the chains of hell;  
and with a shout, our souls are free;  
death defeated by Immanuel.

Now He’s standing in the place of honour,  
crowned with glory on the highest throne,  
interceding for his own beloved  
till His Father calls to bring them home.  
Then the skies will part as the trumpet sounds  
hope of heaven or the fear of hell.  
but the Bride will run to her Lover’s arms,  
giving glory to Immanuel.

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Closing Song:

Joy to the World

Joy to the world! the Lord is come:  
Let earth receive her King!  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and nature sing,  
And heaven and heaven and nature sing.

Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns:  
Let men their songs employ,  
While fields and floods, rocks, hills  
and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

No more let sin and sorrow grow,  
Nor thorns infest the ground:  
He comes to make His blessings flow  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as the curse is found,  
Far as far as the curse is found.

He rules the world with truth and grace,  
And makes the nations prove  
The glories of His righteousness  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders of His love,  
And wonders wonders of His love.

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Opening Song:

O Come, All Ye Faithful

O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem  
Come and behold Him, born the King of angels

*O Come let us adore Him*  
*O come let us adore Him*  
*O come let us adore Him*  
*Christ the Lord*

God of God, light of light,  
Lo, He abhors not the Virgin’s womb;  
Very God, begotten not created.

Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation,  
Sing all ye citizens of heaven above;  
Glory to God, in the highest:

See how the shepherds, summoned to His cradle,  
Leaving their flocks, draw nigh with holy fear;  
We too will thither bend our joyful footsteps;

Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born that happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be glory given;  
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing:

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*Collect for Christmas Day:*

**Almighty God, who gave us your only Son to take our nature upon him and to be born of a pure virgin, grant that we, who are born again in him and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Isaiah 9:2–7 (Pew Bible p. 573)

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shone. 3 You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. 4 For the yoke of his burden, and the staff for his shoulder, the rod of his oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian. 5 For every boot of the tramping warrior in battle tumult and every garment rolled in blood will be burned as fuel for the fire. 6 For to us a child is born, to us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulder, and his name shall be called Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace. 7 Of the increase of his government and of peace there will be no end, on the throne of David and over his kingdom, to establish it and to uphold it with justice and with righteousness from this time forth and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will do this.

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Hebrews 1:1–12 (Pew Bible p. 1001)

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, 2 but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world. 3 He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, 4 having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

5 For to which of the angels did God ever say, “You are my Son, today I have begotten you”? Or again, “I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son”? 6 And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, “Let all God's angels worship him.”

7 Of the angels he says, “He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire.”

8 But of the Son he says, “Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the sceptre of uprightness is the sceptre of your kingdom. 9 You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.” 10 And, “You, Lord, laid the foundation of the earth in the beginning, and the heavens are the work of your hands; 11 they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, 12 like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end.”

Gradual Song:

What Child is This?

What child is this, who, laid to rest,  
On Mary’s lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,  
While shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King,  
Whom shepherds guard and angels sing  
Haste, haste to bring Him laud,  
The babe, the son of Mary.

Why lies he in such mean estate,  
Where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear: for sinners here  
The silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear shall pierce him through,  
The cross be borne for me, for you;  
Hail, hail the Word made flesh,  
The babe, the son of Mary.

So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh,  
Come peasant, king, to own him;  
The King of kings salvation brings,  
Let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high,  
The Virgin sings a lullaby;  
Joy! Joy for Christ is born,  
The babe, the son of Mary.

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John 1:1–14 (Pew Bible p. 886)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2 He was in the beginning with God. 3 All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

6 There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7 He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him. 8 He was not the light, but came to bear witness about the light.

9 The true light, which gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. 10 He was in the world, and the world was made through him, yet the world did not know him. 11 He came to his own, and his own people did not receive him. 12 But to all who did receive him, who believed in his name, he gave the right to become children of God, 13 who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but of God.

14 And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

Praise Song:

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King,  
peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled.”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

*Hark! the herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn King.”*

Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of a virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail, the incarnate deity,  
pleased as Man with man to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel!

Hail, the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail, the Sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that man no more may die,  
born to raise the sons of earth,  
born to give them second birth.

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Offertory Song:

Angels From the Realms of Glory  
Angels, from the realms of glory,  
Wing your flight o’er all the earth;  
Ye who sang creation’s story,  
Now proclaim Messiah’s birth!

*Come and worship,  
Come and worship,  
Worship Christ,  
The newborn king.*

Shepherds, in the field abiding,  
Watching o’er your flocks by night,  
God with us is now residing,  
Yonder shines the infant light:

Sages, leave your contemplations;  
Brighter visions beam afar;  
Seek the great Desire of nations;  
Ye have seen His natal star:

Saints before the altar bending,  
Watching long in hope and fear,  
Suddenly the Lord, descending,  
In His temple shall appear:

Though an infant now we view Him,  
He shall fill His Father’s throne,  
Gather all the nations to Him;  
Every knee shall then bow down:

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Communion Songs:

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence  
Let all mortal flesh keep silence,  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
for with blessing in His hand,  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth He stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture,  
in the body and the blood;  
He will give to all the faithful  
His own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph,  
cherubim, with sleepless eye,  
veil their faces to the presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry:  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
Alleluia, Lord Most High!

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Away in a Manger

Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,  
The little Lord Jesus laid down  
His sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked  
down where He lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the  
hay.

The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,  
But little Lord Jesus, no crying He makes.  
I love Thee, Lord Jesus! look  
down from the sky,  
And stay by my bedside until  
morning is nigh.

Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask  
Thee to stay  
Close by me forever and love me,  
I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in Thy  
tender care,  
And take us to heaven, to live  
with Thee there.

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